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Bulka for CJC president: the right man for the job

OPINION

By Barry Fishman, editor

Rabbi Reuven Bulka jokingly tells you he is running for presidency of the Canadian Jewish Congress because he needs the exercise and he isn't busy enough.

He does, after a little prodding, admit to his real reason for running.

At its 28th Plenary Assembly on Sunday, June 17 at Agudath Israel Synagogue, delegates from across Canada will vote on a bylaw that could, the rabbi worries, drastically change the way CJC is run.

"The new bylaw is an important transition for Congress. I want to make sure its role doesn't get weakened in the process," he says.

For Rabbi Bulka, advocacy is the most important work CJC does. From rallying Jews and other Canadians concerned about genocide in Darfur, to building bridges with First Nations communities and other cultural and religious groups, to lobbying the government on a range of policy issues, to

promoting human rights at home and abroad, the CJC has a long and storied history of representing the Jews of Canada and their ideals.

"When Congress speaks, people listen," he says. "Congress is held in great admiration and has an outstanding reputation among leaders and politicians in Canada for its advocacy work. It is something too precious to lose."

"I am motivated to run out of a concern that Congress will no longer be the leading advocacy organization in Canada."

Rabbi Bulka's candidacy is making history. The last time a candidate ran for president against the CJC nomination committee's hand-picked slate was in 1995. Furthermore, the last time there was a contest for more than one of the four executive positions was in the 1950s.

Running alongside Rabbi Bulka for chair of the national executive (or vice-president) is Vancouver lawyer and chair of the CJC ad-hoc committee on Darfur, Mark Weintraub.

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Rabbi Reuven Bulka leads a CJC/Federation rally in front of the Syrian Embassy last July, demanding the release of Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit. (Photo: Peter Waiser)

Fighting security certificates by welcoming a stranger

By Russell Consor

American statesman Ben Franklin once said, "Any society that would give up a little liberty to gain a little security will deserve neither and lose both."

Diana Ralph and Jean Hanson, an Ottawa Jewish couple, are living those words.

The two women are committed to preserving liberty and freedom by fighting the Canadian government's use of security certificates, and are diving head

first into the fight. At a June 2003 bail hearing, they offered to act as Hassan Almrei's bail sureties.

Almrei was detained by security certificate shortly after September 11, 2001, when police suspected he was part of a forgery ring connected to Al-Qaeda. Security certificates allow non-citizens to be held without charges when the Canadian government deems them a serious security risk.

The couple sees no conflict in aiding

Almrei. In fact, they see it as their duty, rooted in Jewish values and Jewish experience.

Ralph and Hanson met while both were working at Carleton University 15 years ago, through their involvement in the Ontario Public Interest Research Group.

"OPIRG does a lot of social justice work, and so does Diana," says Hanson. They shared a zest for progressive

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Mazal Tov!

The three winners of this year's community awards, given by the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, have been announced.

The *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin* congratulates Roger Greenberg, winner of the Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award, the highest individual award bestowed by the Ottawa Jewish community; Mitchell Miller,

winner of the Freiman Family Young Leadership Award, given to a person under 40 who demonstrates exceptional leadership; and Sam Ages, winner of the Shem Tov Award for outstanding volunteer work in the community.

Profiles of the award winners will appear in the next issue of the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin*.

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causes and, a short time later, the women became a couple.

Ralph says fighting injustice is in her blood.

"My father was an international lawyer who assisted the U.S. prosecution team at Nuremberg," she says. "Nuremberg was the first time that individuals were held accountable for war crimes and where principles of human rights were articulated."

She sees parallels between Nazi Germany and the use of security certificates, namely they have been used almost exclusively against Arab Muslims, just as Nazi laws singled out Jews. She recalls her father instilled in her the obligation to "stand up to support any people who are being targeted because of their religion or ethnicity."

Ralph, born in Washington, D.C., came to Canada during the Vietnam War in 1970, when the United States' policies almost drove her to violence.

"I was working in Washington and every day I would have to walk past Watergate and the FBI headquarters. By the time I walked to work, I was ready to throw a bomb. So, I came up to Canada."

Hanson was born in Aus-

tralia, to an "anti-religious, Presbyterian family," and moved to Canada when she was two. She has a history of fighting for women's rights and currently works as a counselor. In Judaism, she found people and values she identified with. Hanson says the things that made her want to convert were "the music and the ethics - not necessarily in that order."

"Judaism seemed like such a good fit. You can read through the *siddur* and it is no different than anything I had been doing in terms of the ethics and principles. It was just a no-brainer."

Hanson led Ralph back to her Jewish roots.

The first step was "convincing Ralph to walk into a shul," Hanson says.

"My parents were pretty devout atheists. We had some Seders and celebrated Chanukah, but that was about it. Now I am much more involved," Ralph explains.

The couple is active at Temple Israel, where they head the Adult Education Committee.

"The people there are wonderful," Ralph says. "When Rabbi Tannenbaum was there, we were going to shul almost every week. Then

we left for about a month to go on our honeymoon. When we returned, he asked us where we had been. When we said we got married, he said 'Mazel Tov' and had us up on the *bimah*."

The couple explained Temple Israel is a place where Jews of all stripes are welcome.

"Discrimination is not tolerated," says Ralph. "There's the odd individual in the congregation who is less than welcoming, but they know it's not OK for them to be open about it. A lot of gays and lesbians belong to Temple Israel and Rabbi [Steven] Garten makes it a really welcoming place."

Although Ralph and Hanson both have a history of political activism, offering to house and supervise a young Muslim man was not something they planned. According to Hanson, "we were sort of catapulted into it."

Ralph knew little about security certificates and less about Hassan Almrei when she decided to attend his June 2003 bail hearing in Toronto.

"After 9/11, I tweaked my interest and I started researching what led to it all, the history in Afghanistan and the *mujahideen* movement," she says.

"I went on a demonstration against security certificates and they were looking for people who would offer bail surety for Hassan Almrei."

"I didn't know much about it, except that the security certificate law was a bad one. I talked to Jean and we decided to offer \$10,000 as a bail surety."

Ralph initially thought she only had to fill out a form, but she also had to testify at the bail hearing.

"As I sat there in court, I watched the prosecution at-

tack one after another of the people offering bail sureties, saying, 'you are not going to live with him and you're not going to supervise him, so your money is useless.' So I got on the stand and said we had a basement apartment and he would be welcome to live with us. Of course, I had to check with Jean."

"That's what I meant by catapulted," says Hanson, who readily agreed.

Almrei called Ralph the next day from prison. They bonded over the phone and a strong, if unusual, friendship was born.

When asked why she did it, Ralph cites the "thousands of righteous gentiles who helped Jews during the Shoah. Jews in particular have an obligation to stand up against oppression. We should know, having been slaves in Egypt and having the Shoah happen to us."

"It's wrong to oppress people largely on the basis of religion and ethnicity."

Ralph also found inspiration in Shabbat prayers. She says during Shabbat she and Hanson "thank God, who frees the captives, and we talk about the values of freedom and peace and welcoming the stranger."

Ralph and Hanson believe the best way to assure security is not through laws, but through friendship: to "welcome the stranger."

"I believe one way we can achieve peace in the Middle East is to reach out in solidarity against injustice to a Muslim man," says Hanson.

However, Ralph and Hanson say there is American influence in Canada's use of security certificates.

"The United States was generating a wave of Islamophobia to justify its war against Iraq and Afghanistan,"



Diana Ralph (left) and Jean Hanson

Ralph says. "The security certificate process was an example of the tip of the iceberg of Islamophobia that is spreading through Canada. I thought, what can I do as a Canadian Jew to show that it is completely feasible to be an ally to an Arab Muslim, that he is not my enemy?"

Ralph says she sees positive changes in the Jewish community's attitude towards Muslims since she started her campaign against security certificates in 2003. She has found many like-minded people - a number of whom are Jewish - who are willing to offer their support.

"There are a lot of people who think similarly, but by having us actually do it, it somehow gives them permission to say so too," says Hanson.

The couple is also noticing

a change in the Muslim community. Whereas before, Muslims were afraid to stand up for their rights because they believed they would be "tarred by the same brush" as the detainees, now some are more vocal.

As of early May 2007, Almrei remains in prison, even after a February 2007 Supreme Court of Canada ruling that security certificates are a violation of the Charter. Ralph and Hanson continue to work for his release.

Like the righteous gentiles of the Shoah, the couple believes their religion teaches them to help those who cannot help themselves. In aiding Almrei they welcomed a stranger who is now a friend. They hope more people, Jews and Muslims alike, are inspired to do the same.

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(Left to right) Bill Sherkman, president of the Sherkman Family Foundation; Councilor Peter Hume, Alta Vista Ward; Pino Buffone, principal of Charles H. Hulse Public School; Mayor Larry O'Brien, Tony Pacheco, CEO of the YMCA; and Rob Campbell, chair of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board with two Grade 6 Hulse students and their new bikes. (OJB photo: Alexander Baker)

Bill Sherkman's generosity keeps students pedalling

By Alexander Baker

In the sunshine of a spring morning, the only thing warmer than a display of generosity and philanthropy was a glow from the beaming faces of 60 kids riding brand new bikes.

As part of their Kids and Values in Motion program, the Sherkman Family Foundation donated the bikes to Grade 6 kids from Charles H. Hulse Public School, who could not afford them otherwise. This is the sixth year the foundation has provided bikes for Hulse students, and nearly 600 other Ottawa school children will get them before the summer is over.

Bill Sherkman, president of the foundation; Larry O'Brien, mayor of Ottawa; Peter Hume, Alta Vista councillor and Rob Campbell, chair of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board; among others, were on hand for a short ceremony. While each said a few words to the kids, teachers, parents and media gathered in the Hulse gym, the highlight of the morning was

watching the students, a few at a time, as they claimed their shiny new bikes and wheeled them outside for a spin in the parking lot.

"The Sherkman family and Bill Sherkman deserve huge hugs from the City of Ottawa for showing leadership in community building," O'Brien said. "It's part of the Jewish faith to give back to the community, but this is past that, this is encompassing and embracing the whole city. It's a wonderful action his foundation has taken and words can't express it properly."

Sherkman, for his part, said the Kids and Values in Motion program is really meant to give back to the community by carrying on the values and ideals his father Harold believed in.

"My father passed away about 12 years ago, but it was really his idea. He was always supporting camps and particularly the [YMCA]," he said. "Of course, he gave to Jewish things too, but he really believed we are part of a bigger community and this is dedicated to him. It's something he really would have enjoyed."

Sherkman also said he never really thought about the fact his philanthropy was going to non-Jews. However, the significance of the gesture was not lost on Pino Buffone, Hulse's principal.

"The bicycle program is part of a bigger picture in terms of building bridges, friendships, cultural understanding," he said.

"When the program was initially launched, the kids couldn't believe a man of Jewish origin would give bikes to them, to Muslims. Once they got over their initial shock, the lesson learned is whoever they grow up to be, they can be caring and giving regardless of their profession, background or religious belief."

Fortunately for the Grade 6 kids, they have had the privilege of learning this lesson of equality and friendship from their teacher and the latest recipient of the Arie Van Mansum Award for Education, Patrick Mascoe. He has encouraged his students to respect other cultures and has organized a series of field trips and activities with the Jewish kids of Hillel Academy over the past few years.

As for the kids themselves, they had to sit quietly through the speeches and photo ops by the politicians and school officials, who did their best to keep the students' attention. While they were not the most eloquent speakers, no one really minded. The smiles of the children, riding around on their new 18-speeds, spoke loudest of all.

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Walkathon: help your community by helping yourself

Editor's note: JFO Chair Ron Prehogan has arranged to share his column, on occasion, with the chairs or presidents of the community's major beneficiary agencies or committees so they can provide some insight into their operations.

Community: Proud, Strang, Together.

These words sum up why we believe so strongly in the Walkathon and why we are honoured to chair this year's event on Sunday, June 3.

Walkathon combines two important themes in our lives: community involvement and health and fitness. We believe we are responsible for both our own health and our community's health.

Walkathon is the perfect vehicle to accomplish both. It has always been a unifying event – where everyone encourages each other with individual fitness goals: walking, biking, running farther or faster or stronger than before. And with common goals: learning more about our community, raising funds for the community and for Israel, and introducing new members to the community.

Both of us have cherished memories of participating in Walkathon when the distance walked was an accomplishment. Back then, we would get sponsors for



Federation Report

Faye Goldman and Michael Landau
Walkathon Co-chairs

each km (or mile in the pre-metric days). Walkathon day meant walking as far as we could go and then going back to our sponsors to collect, proud of our athletic and community accomplishments.

This year, we are returning to our "walking roots," with a 1/2 Chai (9 km) walk/run route and a Chai (18 km) bike route. And this year's Walkathon will be a walk through our community. Each station along the route will represent a different segment of our community. You will meet the people and agencies that make up the Ottawa Jewish community and get the opportunity to hear about the work they do. Whether you are young or old, long-time members of the community or new to the city, you will learn more about the community we live in.

We hope you're as excited about this

year's Walkathon as we are. Please plan to come out. Your presence is crucial. We are counting on each of you to walk through our community on June 3. Registration forms are available at the SJCC or online at www.jewishottawa.com.

Get sponsors. For a minimum of \$25.00 in sponsors (or \$60.00 for a family of three or more), you will get a t-shirt (two per family), food, drink, and entertainment. If you pre-register, you will receive two raffle tickets for great prizes, including an elliptical trainer and a Sony PlayStation 3. Additional raffle tickets will be given out for each \$100.00 in sponsors. And, this year, sponsors can make their donations online at www.jewishottawa.com.

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set up, registration, stations, and myriad other roles. Please contact Sandra Czarny at sczarny@jewishottawa.com to volunteer.

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Think up a fitness goal for the Walkathon. whether it is a distance goal, a speed goal or a "just-getting-out-and-doing-it" goal. Train on your own or with our first ever Walkathon Run/Walk Clinic offered by the Soloway JCC and free with walkathon registration. Learn about stretching, nutrition, hydration, injury prevention, and racing tips. The clinic began April 29 with a second session on May 6. Two more sessions will take place May 20 and 27 and it's not too late to sign up. Contact Carla Gencher at 613-798-9818, ext. 278 to register.

Let's make this year's Walkathon a day to remember. *Walk strong. Walk proud. Walk together.*

See you there.

Virginia Tech tragedy a wake-up call to all of us

The call from our esteemed editor, Barry Fishman, to do this column came right in the midst of the unfolding tragedy at Virginia Tech.

It was a nightmare worse than our greatest fears. It remains an enduring source of pain and agony for that university community, for the families and, indeed, for all university communities.

It goes without saying this tragedy once again reinforces the vulnerability of our free-moving society. We cannot ensure an incident-free life unless we are ready to curtail freedoms in a way that would severely compromise the luxury of unfettered movement we are addicted to.

In the aftermath of a tragedy of this enormity, it has become almost a ritual to ask questions with no easy answers, if they have answers at all. After all, we are not a stupid people and, if there had been viable preventive measures, they would have been implemented long ago.

I heard Monday morning quarterbacks speaking with borderline arrogance about how we should have known the mass murderer would do what he did. It was clear this would happen, they suggested.

We are all so smart after the fact. We know after the fact the winning lottery ticket number, but who out there ever suggested, if we are so smart, we should know this in advance.

No one is so smart, no one is expected to be so smart and no one should be expected to predict with certainty what a person who



From the pulpit

Rabbi
Reuven Bulka
Machzikei Hadas

is depressed will do. We simply do not know.

And there is an enormous difference between saying killers of this sort are likely to be sick and severely depressed, or saying, on the other hand, most depressed people are likely to become killers. That is simply not the case.

There are many depressed people in our society, as many as one in five according to some estimates. It is wrong and irresponsible to draw what, to the unsuspecting listener, is a direct line from depression to killer rage.

Normally, people do not choose to be depressed. Many depressed people are caring, sensitive, perhaps over sensitive, and harmless. They are genuine, authentic people. We should not forget this.

As to the question of how we can prevent this type of tragedy, the depressing answer is we cannot. We can be on the lookout, we can be vigilant, we can increase our alertness, but this has dangers if carried to an extreme. We can easily become a people obsessed with finding enemies lurking in the darkness. That type of living is a monumental intrusion on the tranquility we so cherish and value.

There is another question that is not asked, a variation on the theme, but with a significant nuanced difference. That question is: what can we do to prevent such outrages?


Each of us, in our own way, can help. We can each do a little bit to make this a better world for others who feel alienated or distant. We make a great little contribution to improving the world by befriending someone who is down and out, who is alone and feels lonely.

No one alone carries the burdens of the entire world, but each one carries the burden of his or her world. All that is expected of

everyone is to carry his or her own weight, to do at the very least a little bit to make others happy.

Lifting up the spirits of others is considered a most Godly affirmation. The Talmud tells us those who specialize in this are most welcome in God's world. They engage in the work of uplifting the downtrodden, a task attributed to God and therefore conveyed to us as a way of walking in the way of God, emulating God.

The Virginia Tech tragedy is a wake-up call to no one in particular. It is a wake-up call to everyone.



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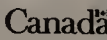
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Bulka 'hopefully will be president for all of us'

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"Any race for the leadership of the Canadian Jewish Congress is of great importance and it's creating a buzz," says Bernie Farber, Congress CEO.

The CJC's nomination committee, made up of 21 members from across the country, chose a slate of candidates for the four positions. Montrealer and former president of that city's Federation, Sylvain Abitbol, was endorsed ahead of Rabbi Bulka, who is now running as an independent.

According to current CJC President Ed Morgan, Abitbol "brings a wealth of knowledge and support from the Federation. His strength is the Federation side of the coin," he says, and the bureaucratic structure that goes with it.

Morgan, a member of the nomination committee, says this is important because one of the goals of his tenure as president was to "weed out layers of governance and make the Congress more efficient. Sylvain has a better understanding to be able to continue that."

Ultimately, Morgan says he endorses Abitbol for his ability to carry on the progress being made in streamlining the organization, but he wants Rabbi Bulka to also take a leadership role. The rabbi, he says, "is a long time activist in Congress and a prominent religious leader. He brings a wealth of lobbying power and political acumen."



Editor

Barry Fishman

Despite nominating Abitbol – and his being from Montreal where there are more delegates and greater exposure than Ottawa – Morgan says Rabbi Bulka is not at a disadvantage.

"The person in the same city as the plenary always has a leg up," he says, "but Montreal is not too far from Ottawa. Now, if it were someone from Vancouver, Bulka would really have an advantage."

The Ottawa community is pulling out all the stops to help elect its favourite son. Community lay leaders have been busily contacting Jewish organizations throughout the city to make sure they register and are accredited to vote at the plenary.

Ottawa, as part of the National Capital District, has 61 individual delegates as well as two delegates from each organization registering. Each delegate counts for one vote, meaning the rabbi will be in tough since Montreal has 390 delegates and Toronto has 500.

Former Machzikei Hadas president Hymie Reichstein has been leading the way, signing up delegates.

"The response has been terrific," he says. "At one time I was the president for Rabbi Bulka, and now, hopefully, he will be president for all of us."

Ron Prehogan has become the unofficial campaign manager and he too has been signing up delegates.

"For the last 40 years, we in the Ottawa Jewish community have had the honour of Rabbi Bulka's incredible leadership, extending from the synagogue and Jewish community to the Ottawa general community," he says. "The Canadian Jewish community now has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have the benefit of this man's impeccable character and enormous leadership skills."

"When Congress speaks, people listen ... I am motivated to run out of a concern that Congress will no longer be the leading advocacy organization in Canada."

– Rabbi Reuven Bulka

If your organization is registered to attend the plenary, make sure you send in the relevant paperwork by May 28 so your

two representatives are able to vote. Regional delegates must register by May 18. And, here is the most important part: Delegates must show up on Sunday, June 17 and vote for Rabbi Bulka. Details can be found at www.cjc.ca.

The election should be a no-brainer.

With all due respect to the CJC nominating committee and Sylvain Abitbol, hands down, Rabbi Bulka is the better choice. He has a wealth of experience, being involved with CJC for more than 25 years, is well respected at the national level both in the Jewish and general community, has numerous contacts throughout the country and, best of all, he is a terrific, media-savvy advocate for Israel and Canadian Jewry.

This election is not about Ottawa versus Montreal. I believe Rabbi Bulka will get support from across the country, including Montreal and Toronto. There is no one more qualified to ensure Congress' long tradition of advocacy is maintained.

The Canadian Jewish Congress may need to change its governing structure to become more efficient and bring it into the 21st century, and I wish them luck doing it. However, what it needs more than a shift in bureaucracy is a passionate leader who can rally the Jewish community and effectively lobby on its behalf. Rabbi Bulka is such a man.

– with files from Alexander Baker

An obituary for Facebook: the grownups have arrived

How do you know when a hot new youth trend has crested? When it's on its way out? When all the kids who were doing it are about to move on and find something new?

You know the answer. Think back to when you were a kid.

Exactly. It's when your parents find out about it. Or – especially – when they start to enjoy it themselves.

A hot new band everyone seems to like? Well, if everyone suddenly includes Mom, that's it. Time to find another band.

A great TV show that spawns a dozen catch phrases? Once your parents start spouting those phrases, let the channel surfing begin.

A new style of pants all the cool kids are wearing? Nothing cools off cool like Dad squeezing into his own pair.

With that in mind, I have some breaking news: Facebook is so over.

You don't think so? I can understand why you may be skeptical:

- You've read news articles reporting Facebook is one of the most popular websites online, attracting 1.5 billion users a day.

- You've heard it has exploded in popularity from its creation in 2004, when it was limited only to Harvard students, to encom-



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pass people all around the world.

- You've been told it is especially popular in Canada as the "social networking site" of choice, with more than two million Canadian users, growing at a rate of five per cent a week.

- You've noticed it's become so big, politicians have hopped on the bandwagon. Stephen Harper, Stéphane Dion, and Jack Layton are all on Facebook. The Ontario government is so concerned by its spread it is banning public servants from accessing Facebook at work.

Fair enough. The evidence suggests it is waxing, not waning, in popularity. But here's something you should consider to counter all the hype: I'm on Facebook.

And I'm a lot closer to 50 than I am to 15.

When I first registered a few weeks back, the only people I could find were

younger than I am. A 20-something cousin.

A work colleague more than 10 years my junior. Our kids' babysitter. A teenage neighbour.

Since the core activity of Facebook is to find people you know who are also signed up (from office-mates to distant family members to your long-lost high-school crush), add them to your "friends" list and communicate with them in both public and semi-public ways, I felt as if I was accidentally invited to the wrong party.

But now, mere weeks later?

It's like everybody and their mom is on Facebook.

In fact, when a friend of mine signed up, that's exactly what her son – in his early 20s – wrote on her "wall" (the message board that appears on everyone's profile page).

Here's what she wrote back for the world – or at least her Facebook friends – to see: "I promise not to spy ... too much."

Yeah, sure. How many parents would be able to resist the temptation?

A university-age relative of mine was thrown for a loop when his parents mused about joining the so-called Facebook "cult." Now, he has to go through hundreds and hundreds of public messages and photos to erase the incriminating stuff.

Thrown for a much bigger loop was an unfortunate high school student in the Toronto area. He posted some lewd, rude comments about his teacher on Facebook, naively thinking they were for his friends' eyes only. Instead, he was broadcasting them to the world, including the teacher in question.

A generation ago, such comments would be fleetingly told and forgotten in the schoolyard. Today, they got the student suspended from a field trip and splashed all over the national media.

Although any Facebook user can control how much of his or her profile is public and how much is only for friends to see, there is a noticeable generation gap on Facebook as far as privacy is concerned.

Younger people on the site seem a lot less reluctant than their elders to keep conversations in the public sphere. Maybe that will change now parents and teachers are signing up en masse.

So, the lesson for all you kids out there? Simple: Parents' over. The grownups have arrived. Clear out the virtual rec room and find a new place to hang out.

Now, where can I get a pair of those pants I see all the kids wearing?

Alan Echenberg is TVOntario's Parliamentary bureau chief.

Outgoing chair: community has come a long way

By Barry Fishman
When he began his term two years ago, Federation Chair Ron Prehogan promised to continue the work of his predecessor by opening the decision-making process to more people. He also wanted to change the dynamic of the organization, from one preoccupied with raising money to one seen as inclusive and helpful in building the community.

As he prepares to give up the reins in June to incoming Chair Jonathan Freed-

man, Prehogan told the *Bulletin* he is especially pleased with how the new governing structure is working.

The best way to earn the trust of the community, he says, is to engage the community in decision-making rather than what has been for many years a top-down approach.

"I am very proud that we have moved from decision-making by eight officers of the board to one that involves 60 people, made up of a board of 12 directors

and five committees of eight to 12 people," he says.

"Unless the committees' proposals are against agreed-upon Federation policy or they haven't done their homework, the board is required to approve what they bring to us."

The new governing structure is paying huge dividends. Exciting work is being done on outreach to intermarried and unaffiliated Jews by the Jewish Identity and Responsibility Committee and its community partners. The recent symposium on *Building Ottawa's Jewish Future* attracted more than 90 people from all walks of Jewish life, who came to discuss and suggest how the Federation can be more welcoming and help make sure our grandchildren grow up Jewish.

"Ensuring the continuation of the Jewish people in Ottawa is a Federation top priority," says Prehogan. "The more we can be focused on this, the more successful we will be in our community-building role."

The old way of doing business had the Federation raising money and then controlling the purse strings as agencies applied for funding. Now, the Federation – with community consultation – lists its funding priorities and agencies apply based on their ability to meet those criteria.

"We are saying to the agencies, 'here is our community vision, how do you want to fit in?'" Prehogan says.

The Federation board's priorities are improving relationships with its agencies and increasing agency accountability and transparency.

"We need to make sure the Federation not only raises money but works with its community agencies to build community," Prehogan says.

This focus on community-building will result, he says, "in a more proactive way of doing business and will attract more human and financial resources."

Another board priority is

to reach out to young people who are less engaged in Jewish life. One anonymous donor was so impressed with what people were saying at the recent symposium they donated a house to the Jewish Student's Association-Hillel!

The Federation has also begun funding the outreach initiatives of synagogues, agencies and schools.

On Tuesday, May 15, the 93 or so people who were at the symposium will attend the Federation Members Meeting to discuss their proposals. Suggestions have included an innovative program to reach out to both the marginally affiliated and families by taking them to Israel, programs designed for 20-somethings and young couples, a focus on couples with partners from two backgrounds, and a free, Jewish, state-of-the-art high school, open to all, where Jewish courses would be optional.

Prehogan promises the board will listen to any new ideas people may have that

are not on the list. He is also looking forward to discussing with major donors some of the projects they may be interested in funding.

Prehogan says he is "a strong believer in picking one major program and running with it." He hopes the feedback from the May 15 meeting will help the board decide what that major program will be.

"This is our opportunity to get it right," he says. "The board is very excited about the future of our community and believes we are going in the right direction."

Prehogan is confident incoming Chair Jonathan Freedman and the board, which he will continue to be a part of, will maintain a "focus on our mission to ensure the continued significance of the Jewish people. The more we focus on this, the more relevant and interesting we will be to the Jewish community."

So what was it like being Federation chair?

"Way better than I expected," he laughs. "It was extremely satisfying to see how far the community has come. I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to work with. It was a wonderful experience."

The Federation's annual general meeting takes place Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the SJCC.

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New book is a must for every Jewish home

As they were in the Montreal and Toronto Jewish communities, copies of *The 4000 Year Journey in Search of Peace*, are being snapped up by members of the Ottawa Jewish community.

The exquisite coffee table book of photographs compiled by Montreal philanthropist and photography buff Danny Taran is a stunning 245-page pictorial history chronicling the triumphs, defeats, sadness and joy of the Jewish people. The official launch of the book took place on April 23 at the Soloway JCC. The beary souls who braved the dreadful rainstorm that evening were rewarded with an exhibit of 40 of the actual photographs that appear in the book and the opportunity to meet Mr. Taran, who was in Ottawa to sign copies of his book. The exhibit continued for a full week and enjoyed a large, enthusiastic reception.

Danny Taran graciously arranged to direct proceeds from sales of the book – priced at \$54 – to the Jewish National Fund. A tax receipt for \$36 per copy will be issued by JNF. *The 4000 Year Journey in Search of Peace* is a beautiful Bar/Bat Mitzvah gift, a meaningful way to say a very special thank you to someone special, a particularly nice way to acknowledge an appreciated kindness. The JNF office has both signed and unsigned copies of this unique publication available for sale. Treat yourself to a copy and pick up another for someone else. This is a volume that belongs in the library of every Jewish home.

JNF's fall Mission leaves October 7

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Annual General Meeting slated for early June

The Annual General Meeting of JNF Ottawa will be held on Tuesday, June 12 at 564 Hillside Road, Rockcliffe. We are currently accepting nominations for new board members and would welcome hearing from anyone who is interested in joining our vibrant board. Please contact Lisa at 613.746.7297.

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Renowned historian Gerald Tulchinsky to lecture on Canadian Yiddish radical

Films, lectures, performances part of uOttawa's celebration of Yiddish culture

By Rebecca Margolis

The University of Ottawa's new intensive elementary Yiddish language course is under way, with it a series of public events celebrating the richness of Yiddish culture. All of these events are open to the community, free of charge and require no previous knowledge of Yiddish.

For film buffs, the Yiddish program will present a series of three Yiddish classics with English subtitles: *The light ahead/ Fishka der krimmer* (May 22), *Green Fields/Grine felder* (May 31) and *Molly Picon's Mamele* (June 5), all of which will be screened at 2:00 pm at the University of Ottawa (224 Simard Hall, 60 University Private, corner Laurier).

Three other events will spotlight Yiddish music and theatre.

Beloved Montreal singer and teacher Janie Resnitz will lead a workshop of Yiddish songs at the University (2:00 pm on May 29 in 125 Simard Hall); Beth Kaplan, great-granddaughter of the renowned Yiddish actor, Jacob Gordin, will discuss her new biography, *Finding the Jewish Shakespeare: The Life and Legacy of Jacob Gordin* (7:00 pm on June 7 at the Soloway JCC); and the Yiddish program's student performance and graduation will celebrate the richness

of Yiddish culture through song, theatre and readings (10:00 am on June 12 in 125 Simard).

The opening event is a lecture bringing together Yiddish culture and radical Jewish politics by renowned historian Dr. Gerald Tulchinsky, professor emeritus at Queen's University. Tulchinsky's seminal works in Canadian and Canadian Jewish history include *Taking Root: The Origins of the Canadian Jewish Community* and *Branching Out: The Transformation of the Canadian Jewish Community*. His lecture, entitled, "The Jewish Radical Left in Canada: a Portrait of an Activist," focuses on Joseph Baruch Salsberg as an outstanding activist in Yiddish-speaking and Jewish radical circles in Canada.

Tulchinsky refers to Salsberg as "part of the small band of Canadian Jews who dedicated their lives to the Communist version of the Socialist cause, with a passion that... historian Tony Michels described as 'a fire in their hearts'."

Tulchinsky will discuss Salsberg's exceptionally dedicated three-decade career as an activist. From the 1920s through the 1950s he was "an exceptionally skilled union organizer, a brilliant politician, a gifted party tactician, and a superb journalist."


Dr. Gerald Tulchinsky

The lecture spotlights a key figure in the interconnected worlds of Yiddish cultural and political life in Canada during a period when the Jewish community was experiencing momentous changes.

The event takes place on Monday, May 14 at 7:00 pm at the Soloway JCC.

For full details on these programs, please visit the Vered Jewish Canadian Studies Program website at the University of Ottawa: www.canada.uottawa.ca/en/vered.htm.

Rebecca Margolis is assistant professor, Vered Jewish Canadian Studies Program, Institute of Canadian Studies, at the University of Ottawa.

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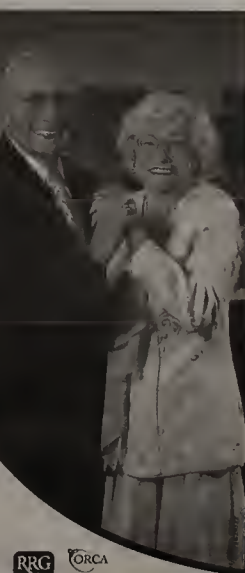
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Local soldiers who serve in Israel honoured at Yom Hazikaron ceremony

By Diane Koven

The Ottawa Jewish community has many close ties with Israel, both happy and sad.

Over the years, a number of Ottawans have served in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and several have lost their lives. On this year's Yom Hazikaron, the ceremonial day to remember Israel's fallen soldiers, Ottawans who have served and are currently serving in the IDF were honoured.

The largest hall in the Soloway Jewish Community Centre was packed, with standing room only for Ottawa's community commemoration on April 22. As in Israel, a siren was sounded, signalling a moment of silence to begin the ceremony.

For Alan Baker, Israel's ambassador to Canada, Yom Hazikaron is a particularly emotional day. Like all Israelis, he has many personal memories on Israel's remembrance day for fallen soldiers.

"I asked to read this [Kl Malch Rachamin] because this prayer on this day, to me, is extremely meaningful. Both as ambassador and as a reserve officer in the IDF, I felt that I have to read this prayer in Ottawa this evening," said Baker.

He and his family members have served in the IDF and have known, and lost, friends and relatives who served as well.

A selection of readings by members of the community with strong ties to Israel included a poem read by Anna-Lee Chiprout and Annie Elliot, who have worked together for several years on joint Jewish-Christ-



During the Yom Hazikaron ceremony, students read about the three Israeli soldiers taken captive prior to last summer's hostilities. (Photo: Peter Waiser)

ian initiatives in support of Israel.

On behalf of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, Jonathan Freedman asked Ambassador Baker to "convey to the country of Israel our thoughts today and our feelings that, even though we are not with them physically, we are with them daily in spirit."

Freedman is also the parent of Liat Ben-Choreen, who is serving currently in the IDF. Liat's message to the community was read by her sister, Tal-Or Ben-Choreen.

Sisters Irit Beck and Noga Reiss lit a memorial candle in memory of their brother, Yoram Shiloni, who lost his life almost 35 years ago while serving in the IDF. Jane and Martin Gordon, whose son Ben Kates is serving currently, accompanied them.

Kates, who has been living in Israel for three years and serving in the IDF for one and-a-half, was present

at the ceremony and shared his thoughts and feelings.

"Too many families in Israel have to face this sorrow [of losing a loved one in battle]. Today is a day to remember that we still have soldiers in captivity and that their fate is not known," he said.

Kates urged everyone to take a few minutes every day to think about those who are fighting in Israel to protect its citizens.

"Although I don't believe it will happen, let us hope that this is the last year that Israelis will fall in battle" he said.

The stories of the three soldiers taken captive prior to last summer's hostilities, Gilad Shalit, Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev, were read in Hebrew and English by students Eyal Podolsky, Topaz Hershkovitz, Melina Rymberg, Shira Benlolo and Racheli Manderker.

Rabbi Steven Garten of Temple Israel reflected on the Battle of Vimy Ridge and the soldiers who fought and lost their lives there in the First World War.

"I have a sense that there will never be a monument as there is at Vimy Ridge in our homeland of Eretz Israel. There will only be the graves that mark special spots of loved ones, because we are a people for which there is no world mourning of our losses. There is only our mourning," he said. He sent a message to the people of Israel that we in Ottawa are with them in spirit.

"The Silver Platter" was read by Cantor Daniel Benlolo. Bab El Wad was read by Barry Karp and sung by Isaac Muzikanski to the accompaniment of Larry Tarof. The children's choir from Hillel Academy day school concluded the ceremony.

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American-Israeli rabbi, educator to speak at Beth Shalom West

By Ariel Goldberg

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, chief rabbi of Efrat, Israel and dean of the Ohr Torah Stone network of schools, will present the last lecture in the Ottawa College of Jewish Studies Great Torah Commentators and Teachers series on May 17.

In honour of Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day), Rabbi Riskin, will speak about "Jerusalem in Jewish Consciousness." It will be Rabbi Riskin's first appearance in Ottawa and the latest in a worldwide speaking tour for the Israeli-American rabbi who has been celebrated as one of the most charismatic Jewish thinkers and activists of our time.

A *New York Times* feature article described Rabbi Riskin as a "teacher who cares ... a charismatic speaker and widely respected Talmudic scholar: Rabbi Riskin sees as his major mission the preparation of a new generation of religious leaders, rooted in Judaism and secular learning, for Israel and the entire Jewish world."

It is no exaggeration to say Rabbi Riskin has inspired thousands of Jewish men and women through his books, his lectures and the institutions he has created. He has also developed a following through his articles on the weekly Torah portion, syndicated in several newspapers including the *Jerusalem Post*.

Ordained at Yeshiva University in 1960, Rabbi Riskin also holds a PhD in Near Eastern Languages and Literature from New York University. He first came to prominence as rabbi of the Lincoln Square Synagogue in Manhattan. There he created a dynamic congregation at the epicentre of the *Ba'al Teshuva* (return to Judaism) movement, attracting many young professionals and intellectuals. A major spokesperson for modern Orthodox Judaism, Rabbi Riskin made history as an innovator who oversaw the first women's advanced Talmud study program and the first synagogue service conducted by women for women in the 1970s.

In 1983, Rabbi Riskin left his thriving career in Manhattan and pioneered the community of Efrat in Israel's Judea region, across the green line boundary of the West Bank. Efrat now numbers more than 12,000 people and is a thriving community in the Gush Etzion Bloc.

Rabbi Riskin's other great passion has been the development of the Ohr Torah Stone network of schools. These institutions annually educate more than 4,000 students in Israel and five other countries. Over the past two decades, Ohr Torah Stone has developed into an important network of high schools, colleges, graduate programs, a Yeshiva, a rabbinical semi-

nary, a women's college of advanced Torah studies, and a school for women advocates for the Israeli religious court system.

The May 17 lecture will begin promptly at 7:00 pm at Congregation Beth Shalom


West, 15 Chartwell Avenue. There is no cost. For further information, please call 613-261-2498.

Rabbi Riskin's lecture is being co-sponsored by the Ottawa College of Jewish Studies, Congregations

Machzikei Hadas and Beth Shalom West and the Soloway Jewish Community Centre.

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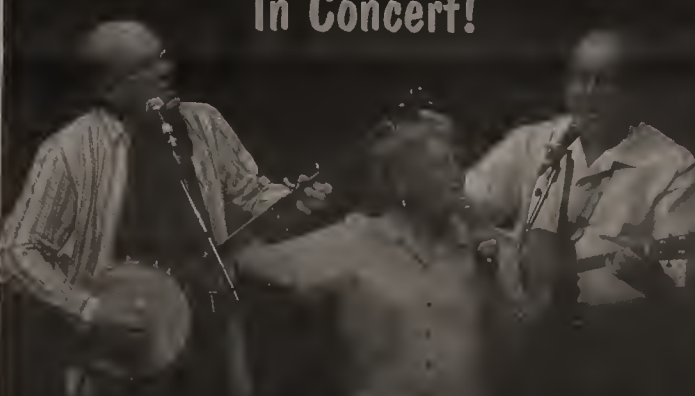
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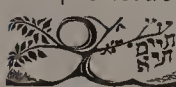
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Astronaut to attend screening of Ramon documentary

Three other films featured during fourth annual Israeli film festival

By Maxine Miska
Well before reality-TV, the human exploration of space has been intensely documented and mythologized. From the moment of launch to

space walks, moon walks, floating astronauts squeezing food from tubes, and the tragedies that follow this complex and perilous endeavour, we have all been witness-

es. But, when the first Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon perished on the Shuttle Columbia, we were transformed from voyeurs to mourners.

Neil Weisbrod's biographical documentary *The First Israeli in Space* is a product of this intense documentation of space explorers. Israel Public Television filmmaker Neil Weisbrod filmed Ramon from his early flights as an Israeli Air Force colonel through his training for NASA to tragic flight SSTS-107, when the shuttle exploded over Texas killing the entire crew. The four years of footage was transformed into a 70-minute memorial to Ramon and what he meant to Israel.

The First Israeli in Space will open the Fourth Israeli Film Festival on Tuesday, May 29 at 7:00 pm. Canadian astronaut Steve MacLean and filmmaker Neil Weisbrod will both speak at the one-time showing at the Museum

of Science and Technology. A reception will follow the film. Tickets are \$12 and available at the SJCC front desk and at the door of the museum auditorium. Seating is limited.

Three feature films will also be shown at the Library and Archives Canada. They include *Sweet Mud* (Thursday, May 31) *Three Mothers* (Thursday, June 7) and *Frozen Days* (Sunday, June 10). Tickets at \$9 are available at the SJCC front desk and at the screenings. Library and Archives Canada is located at 395 Wellington Street.

Sweet Mud (*Adama Meshuga'at*), which won the 2007 Grand Jury Prize for World Cinema at the Sundance Festival, concerns an emotionally fragile widow at a kibbutz in the 1970s. While the kibbutz tends to the practical needs of the woman, her 12-year-old son is left to parent his own mother.

Frozen Days (*Yamim Kfirim*), directed by Danny Lerner, won the Best Israeli Feature at the 2005 Haifa Film Festival. The film combines the underground drug scene of Tel Aviv with random death 'pigua' suicide bombing in a tale about a drug dealer, Miaow, who

assumes the identity of Alex Kaplan, a man killed in a bombing. In a Kafkaesque turn, she is accepted as Aiech by his neighbours and colleagues.

Three Mothers tells the story of triplets, born in Egypt before 1948, who emigrate to Israel, marry and follow quite different paths. The story contrasts the bonds and stresses of sisterhood with the meaning of motherhood as the three sisters relate to their

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Three Mothers	Thursday, June 7
Frozen Days	Sunday, June 10

All screenings at 7:00 pm. Tickets (\$9) available at the SJCC front desk and at the screenings.

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The Residents, Board and Staff of the Bess and Moe Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge deeply mourn the passing of

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A Taste of Challah brings Jewish soul into your home

By Estelle Melzer

Challah, used on Sabbath tables throughout the Jewish world, is not just another ethnic bread.

"Bread, our most basic food, nourishes the body. Challah nourishes the Jewish soul," says Tamar Ansh, author of *A Taste of Challah: A Comprehensive Guide to Challah and Bread Baking*. "Challah has a spiritual aspect. It's a mitzvah - you get 'points' for baking it," she explains with a laugh.

The way she describes challah - "basic" but "spiritual" - could also describe herself. A young mother living in Jerusalem, she is developing a reputation in the Orthodox world for her down-to-earth cooking expertise and her spiritual projects.

She is the author of four books. In addition to *A Taste of Challah*, she has written *A Taste of Tradition*, a Passover wheat/gluten free cookbook; *Splitting the Sea*, a book of encouragement for those seeking their *bashert* (soul-mate); and *Let's Say Amen!*, a children's book centred on the power inherent in the word "amen."

She is somewhat amazed at the course her career has taken. Nothing was planned. She just followed her passion, letting her personal interests and her faith lead the way.

Born in Cleveland to an Orthodox Jewish family, Ansh emigrated to Israel at the age of 18, married some years later and had three children.

"My mother was a great cook, but as kids our job was to scrub the pots. When I got married, I had really clean pots, but didn't know how to cook anything in them."

Using her two cookbooks, Ansh taught herself to get through a basic Shabbat meal. She began to experiment, trying something different every week and writing down her guests' responses. There were always lots of guests, mostly "starving Yeshiva boys" her husband brought home from study hall. Compliments and calls for her recipes followed.

"I loved seeing things come out of my oven, putting them on my table and filling my house with the aromas of cooking. I particularly enjoyed baking," she says.

There were always lots of simchas to bake for and Ansh became interested in cake decorating. This led to a small business, Cakes by Design.

At the same time, Ansh started writing her first book, *Splitting the Sea*. The inspiration came from personal experience.

"I had some friends my age who were not married and saw how they were lonely and often hurt by well-meaning but insensitive comments," she says.

Her book is based on sources that say, since Creation, God has been busy making matches. It contains stories of how others met their *bashert*, with the message, "Don't give up. God helped so many others. He can help you also find your mate."

As the mother of small children, Ansh looked for other work she could do from home

and proposed writing a column on *shiduchim* (matchmaking) for *Mishpacha*, a new Orthodox Jewish magazine.

She ended up becoming the magazine's featured food columnist. Her beautifully photographed articles, written as if she were standing in the kitchen talking to you, were an instant success and her name on the cover of the magazine would sell out the issue.

Her food columns now appear in major Jewish publications around the world, including *Hamodia* newspaper and *The Jewish Press*.

Ansh's first cookbook, *A Taste of Tradition*, as always, came from personal experience: "I knew people for whom Passover cooking was made even more challenging because they didn't *gebroch* [use matzo meal or flour]."

She developed more than 250 wheat/gluten free recipes so delicious and accessible they could be used throughout the year. The book has gone into second printing and a Hebrew version has been published.

Ansh had been contemplating the idea of a book dealing with just challah since she started researching how to perfect the taste and appearance of her own and discovered there was no book available on the art of baking challah. She began experimenting with different grains, ingredients and techniques. The result is a fully photographed, easy-to-follow book with dozens of challah recipes and braiding techniques, as well as recipes for exotic breads from around the world and extras such as soft pretzels, pizza, rolls, croissants and more.

"My hope is that this book will encourage others to bake their own challah and that it will become a classic," she says.

Of all her books, the one closest to her heart is *Let's Say Amen!*, a children's book of inspiration based on the best-selling book by Esther Stern called *Just One Word*, a book promoting the power of the word "amen."

The Amen Project was started by renowned Rebbetzin Sarah Meisels after the tragic death of her daughter, Alta Nechama Malka (acronym: Amen). In coping with her grief, the rebbetzin began studying all the laws related to saying amen and started a movement to renew the power and blessing inherent in "just one word."

Responding to the message and wanting to convey it to her own children, Ansh undertook the writing of an illustrated children's version of Stern's book. She also became the organizer and driving force behind a huge gathering in Jerusalem dedicated to the Amen movement which drew 4,000 women and more than 1,000 men on subsequent nights.

Tamar Ansh brims with enthusiasm about her upcoming writing projects. Guided by her faith, her career has taken wings.

Copies of books by Tamar Ansh can be purchased from www.feldheim.com. View *A Taste of Challah* at www.TasteofChallah.com.

Estelle Melzer is the proud aunt of the Tamar Ansh.

A woman of courage and dignity Edie Koranyi - 1923-2007

By Atara

Gertzberg-Bentob

Edie Koranyi was born in Slovakia to Jewish parents from Budapest, Hungary.

Her life story is the story of the wandering Jew. Until her marriage to Dr. Erwin Koranyi in Canada in 1958, she held no citizenship.

Her mother, while visiting her brother in Slovakia, gave birth to her in a small hospital. Two hours after Edie was born, mother and baby were moved to a bigger hospital in Romania, a short distance away.

Although Edie was born to Hungarian parents and grew up in Budapest, Hungary refused to recognize her as a citizen. Since early childhood she was forced to go to the police station in her neighbourhood once a week to register as a foreigner. Slovakia denied her citizenship, claiming she spent only "two hours" of her life there.

Edie's childhood ended abruptly at the young age of 13, when her mother died.

When the Germans took over Hungary, Edie managed to arrange for forged papers. She was arrested during a Nazi-Hungarian raid at a public swimming pool and was taken to the notorious camp Keeskemet, a holding camp for Auschwitz.

Edie spent six horrible weeks in Keeskemet before being forced to board the death train to Auschwitz.

She refused to talk about her own horrifying physical and emotional suffering during the Holocaust. However, she would tell the story of an event that tormented her for the rest of her life.

The commandant of the Keeskemet camp was Nazi-Hungarian Marton Zoldi. Zoldi was known for his monstrous cruelty, which was contrary to his most civilized appearance that included wearing white gloves.

Edie was standing behind a young couple carrying a newborn baby in a basket. Zoldi approached the couple, took the baby away from its parents, held it by its little feet and smashed it on the wall of the train car. He told the shocked parents, in a matter-of-fact voice, "they will not need their baby in the place where they are going to!"

Edie was saved from Auschwitz when the train she was on was bombed by the Allies. Most of the people on board were killed.

She returned to Budapest and eventually found refuge at the Swedish Protected House, where she received life-saving Swedish papers issued by heroic young diplomat Raoul Wallenberg.

At the end of the war, Edie travelled to Vienna in the hope of locating her sisters. Because of her fluency in English and German, she was able to get a job with the American Immigration Authorities in the refugee camp in Rothschild Spital.

She could not get a visa to the United



Edie Koranyi

States because she was a citizen of no country. Eventually, Edie arrived in Canada in the early '50s and from Canada moved to the States to join her two sisters in New York. There, she designed jewellery for a living.

While visiting Montreal in 1958, Edie met psychiatrist Dr. Erwin Koranyi, a Hungarian Jew from Budapest. Dr. Koranyi, like Edie, is a survivor of the Shoah, saved by Raoul Wallenberg.

Three months after they met, they were married and, for the first time in her life, Edie became a citizen of a country.

Edie and Dr. Koranyi were married 48 years. They did not have biological children, but Israel and its children became their adopted family. While Canada was their permanent residence, they visited Israel every year.

In 1971, they moved to Ottawa.

Edie and Dr. Koranyi were active participants with the State of Israel Bonds and raised money for, and generously donated money to, JNF, Beit-Halochem, Friends of The Hebrew University and the Weizmann Institute of Science. They created the Dr. Erwin and Edie Koranyi Scholarship Fund for students in the discipline of neurosciences at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

During the Yom Kippur War in 1973, Edie flew to Israel and visited the soldiers in the Golan Heights, encouraging them with her presence and supporting them with gifts she brought. She adopted the soldiers of Army Unit 3368 and kept in touch with them for years. After returning to Canada, Edie organized a successful auction with all the proceeds going to Beit-Halochem.

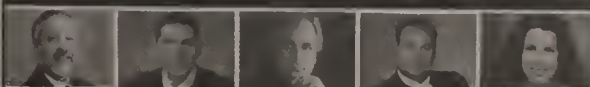
In the Koranyis' home, one can find many awards and trophies given to them in recognition of their contribution to the State of Israel. They include an original clay jug from the Iron Age II period, 930 B.C.E. - 586 B.C.E. awarded to them by the University of the Negev; an old oil menorah, personally dedicated to Edie in 1975 by Mr. Tedi Kolak, the greater-than-life mayor of Jerusalem; a personally inscribed trophy from Beit-Halochem; and a Chanukiah built from actual bullet shells, specially made for Edie by the soldiers of her adopted Army Unit.

Israeli art had a special place in Edie's heart. Her many efforts to introduce Israeli art to Canadians gave them the opportunity to appreciate a side of Israel seldom seen in the biased media: an Israeli society highly creative, cultured, sensitive and courageous enough to question itself.

Edie will be terribly missed by her many friends throughout the world. She will be remembered as a noble human being constantly there for them. She never lost her zest for life and never allowed the bitterness and anger of her past to dominate her life. She was a woman of courage and dignity.

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Celebrating Israel's 59th birthday, Diaspora-style

By Diane Koven

It was a day of celebrations for Ottawa's Jewish community as it gathered for Israel's 59th birthday party.

Yom Ha' Atzmaut – Israeli Independence Day – began with a morning flag-raising ceremony in front of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (SJCC.)

"We stand together today to recognize and celebrate Israel's 59th birthday, the anniversary of the establishment of Israel," said Anita Bloom, COO of the SJCC.

"Many of us here today cannot believe how Israel has changed how we live as Jews. Sixty years ago, Israel was just a dream soon to be realized. Anyone in this gathering under the age of 59 does not know what life was like for Jews without Israel and the incessant fight for its creation ... as Jews in the Diaspora, we must be sure to instill in our youth, our future Jewish continuity."

Before the flags of Canada and Israel were raised by representatives of the Jewish War Veterans Ottawa Post, the audience enjoyed a selection of Israeli songs by children from Ganon Preschool, the Early Beginnings Multicultural Child Development Centre and Hillel Academy. Students from Yitzhak Rabin High School and members of the Tamir choir participated in the ceremony as well. Residents of Hillel Lodge and Tamir joined SJCC members, Jewish war veterans and community members for the flag-



Yosi Levy and the Sabras, with Penny Torontow, event chair, and David Hoffman (third from left).
(Photo: Amiel Blajchman)

raising ceremony. Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission, Amit Gil Bayaz, brought greetings from the Embassy of Israel.

Later in the day, Ambassador Alan and Dahlia Baker hosted members of the diplomatic corps, politicians and members of Parliament as well as representatives of various Jewish organizations at a special Yom Ha' Atzmaut reception held in the Assembly Hall at Lansdowne Park.

The party continued in the Civic Centre salons where more than

1,000 people gathered to eat, drink, sing, dance, and generally rejoice in Israel's birthday.

Chair Penny Torontow and her committee put together an evening designed to appeal to every mem-

ber of the community and, judging by the enthusiastic turnout, they succeeded.

Ambassador Baker's brief welcoming remarks set the tone for the evening.

"Let me welcome all the ambassadors who are here, all the RCMP people, the veterans, the Canadians, everybody. This is Israel's 59th birthday; I am also 59, so let's party!"

Ottawans who have served in the Israeli Defense Forces were called to the stage and recognized for their contributions to Israel's security.

Special guest Arik Zeevi, world-renowned athlete, European champion and Olympic medalist in Judo, was warmly welcomed by the crowd.

"This is the first time I am celebrating Israel's birthday outside of Israel and I am very excited about it," he said.

Noting whenever he competes outside of Israel, he is aware he is not only trying to win for himself, but for the people of Israel, he said. "At the next competition, I will also think about you and the Jewish community in Canada."

Entertainment was provided by Yosi Levy's band "The Sabras," a Jewish-Israeli band based in Los Angeles and known for its variety of musical styles. Young and old enjoyed the music, and the dancing went on well into the evening.



Olympic and European Judo Champion Arik Zeevi from Israel with Ambassador Alan Baker.
(Photo: Amiel Blajchman)



Tamir choir performs in Boca Raton, Florida

The Tamir Choir recently returned home from its first international appearance with JARC (Jewish Association for Residential Care) in Boca Raton, Florida. The choir had been invited by Executive Director Dr. Debbie Hallow to sing with the JARC Choir at its "Music of the Heart" Gala Event.

For six days Tamir participants were hosted by JARC residents in their Apartment Program. In a local Boca paper, Dr Hallow stated, "The visit from Tamir is important because, unlike the non-handicapped community, people with disabilities seldom have the opportunity to interact with peers outside their immediate sphere of influence; for example, home and immediate family. This visit from our friends in Ottawa gives our clients that opportunity."

The intention is to build on the new friendships and invite JARC to join Tamir for a musical adventure in Ottawa.

Miryom and Max: a love story come true

By Chana Thau

In 1950, when Miryom Kushner was 15 years old and growing up in Winnipeg's North End, she belonged to Young Judea. So did 16-year-old Menachem Roytenburg.

She had a crush on him. He also noticed "Cookie" (so called because that had been her first English word), but he never got around to asking her out because kids went in groups, not couples.

Fast forward a few years. Menachem, also known as Max, had become active in the Zionist movement and travelled a great deal in North America. Then he went to Israel for a year of leadership training. When he returned, he found his best friend, Leslie, was dating Cookie. Now, Max could not.

Max went on to study agriculture at the University of Manitoba while continuing to be a leader in the Zionist movement. He was made program director at a Zionist camp in Ontario, where he fell in love with Lorraine, the arts and crafts director. They married at the end of camp that summer and returned to Winnipeg, where Max completed his first degree.

As always, he asked about Cookie and found out she too was married - to Leslie. The Roytenburgs moved to Toronto and later to Montreal.

Years passed, Miryom had five children, Max four. Miryom divorced and remarried. She, her second husband and children made *aliya* to Israel. Soon after returning to Canada, they divorced. Miryom married again - "a lovely man" with whom she lived happily for 11 years, until his death in 1994.

Life was not easy. She worked with older people, helping them out with meals, shopping and companionship, always with good cheer and grace. The 90s were especially unkind. Miryom lost her youngest son, Michael, to AIDS, and a few years later, her daughter, Kathy, to MS.

Meanwhile, Max and Lorraine had divorced after 21 years of marriage. He moved to Ottawa, where he met and married his second wife, Carole. They had one son and lived together happily for 28 years, until Carole's death from breast cancer in January 2005.

"I'm the kind of guy who sticks to a gal once we get together," he jokes.

Over the years, Max visited his sister and other relatives in Winnipeg. He always made it a point to ask about Cookie. Of his visit in October 2005 (at age 65), he says, "I don't know what brought me to Winnipeg. It's almost as if I wasn't telling myself what was going on in my head."

He called Miryom and left a message on her answering machine. She arrived home from a trip to the Maritimes and found a multitude of messages on her machine. She decided to return only Max's call that evening, "and then brush him off."

Unaware he was now a widower, she reluc-

tantly let herself be persuaded to meet him for breakfast the next morning. Over breakfast, he told Miryom he had lost his wife to breast cancer. After breakfast, he asked to see Miryom's paintings.

Romance did not cross the mind of either until he entered her condo. As soon as they entered, Max, still in his overcoat, spun her around, took her in his arms and kissed her. Miryom says, when she kissed him back, an unspoken dream came true.

Max returned to Ottawa the next day, called Miryom four times a day and sent her a ticket to come visit the following week. In Ottawa, she met all four of Max's children.

Miryom smiles and blushes. "One of his daughters said to me, 'Has he asked you to marry him?' When I said no, she went on to say, 'He will, you know.'"

Sure enough, as he prepared to take Cookie to the airport, Max looked at her suitcase and said, "I don't like the name on your suitcase."

"Is that a proposal?" she countered.

"Yes, I guess it is," he replied.

It was a whirlwind romance!

For two months, the couple alternated between keeping house in their respective condos in Ottawa and Winnipeg. In December, on the day they were leaving for Israel, they stopped at the Ottawa courthouse to book a date to get married. The clerk said there was an opening at 4 pm that very day.

"So I called my son," says Max.

The ceremony was attended by Max's son, daughter-in-law and two grandsons "in white shirts and ties." After that, his closest friend drove them to the airport.

In Israel, Max's Jerusalem daughter urged them to have a religious ceremony, so "we went shopping for a trousseau" and arrangements were made.

On January 2, 2006, the couple had a fairytale wedding on the Haas Promenade overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem, with about 50 guests in attendance. They included Max's sister, his children, his three Israeli grandchildren and an assortment of Israeli and ex-Winnipeg friends and family, some of whom he had not seen in 30 or 40 years.

"The church bells were ringing," Miryom recalls.

"And the muezzin was singing," Max adds. "She wore a golden dress."

It was a warm and sun-filled afternoon.

"You never think that at this age you're going to find somebody," says Miryom wonderingly, with a huge smile.

"You've got to be lucky," a grinning Max chimes in.

The year since their marriage has been filled with happy times. Miryom and Max "enjoy spending scads of time together," and travelling around the globe. They have made Ottawa their headquarters for now, with Winnipeg a close second. They have visited family all over the world.



Max and Cookie on Tayelet after their Jerusalem wedding.

The secret of their success, says Max, is "you've got to be open. The instant I embraced Cookie, I knew that was it. The rest was just detail."

He adds, "Life is a mystery; our lives have changed on a dime. Perhaps this was our fate waiting to happen, the unseen hand from above. But it takes the courage to reach out

and seize what you know is good, and risk disappointment or rejection. It is no discredit to our previous partners to admit that we have never been happier in our lives."

When you see the twinkle in their eyes as they exchange affectionate glances, you know love is definitely not the exclusive domain of the young!



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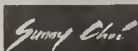


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'Buddy' Kizell to be honoured for 60 years of service to Hadassah

By Ruth Kahane Goldberg

The Amit, Ina McCarthy and Mollie Betcherman chapters are honouring Edith "Buddy" Kizell for her 60 years of dedication to Canadian Hadassah-WIZO (CHW).

Her personal interest in "helping women who need help" is similar to CHW's efforts in assisting women and children in Israel.

The community is invited to attend a tea in her honour on Sunday, June 3 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the home of Gina and Howard Grant, 3 Southern Hills Court in Cedarhill Estates.

Buddy Kizell's involvement in Hadassah-WIZO began in 1947 when she was a new bride who had just moved from Ottawa to North Bay, Ontario. She joined its one chapter and met women of all ages. One of her earliest leadership experiences was in the early '70s as part of a team of three women who instigated and co-ordinated an annual event aimed at single, widowed and divorced women in the general community and provided advice from an accountant and a lawyer.

In 1981, Kizell moved back to Ottawa and helped organize the CHW National Convention. From 1983 to 1987, she served two consecutive terms as Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO council president. In 1988, she became president of the Masada Chapter, a position she still holds today. She served on the National Executive Board, held the position of national

vice-president and is currently a member of the Honorary National Council.

"Buddy has a calm and respectful style of leadership. She's a consensus builder," says Terry Schwarzfeld, CHW national vice-president and a past president of the Ottawa Council.

Kizell says the days when younger women joined Hadassah automatically are in the past.

"Membership came with my marriage certificate" she says. "We grew up with Hadassah and only Hadassah."

Today, women are working more, have less time for volunteering, and there are lots of organizations from which to choose.

But, as much as the times have changed, Hadassah-WIZO's work remains relevant. The welfare of women - especially single women and their children - must be addressed.

"Israel is not immune. Hadassah-WIZO's work in this area is very important today," Kizell says. "The organization is keeping up with the times. It has a vibrant national president. It is an excellent organization that is doing superior work."

Donations from this tea will be directed to the CHW Women for Women project, which gives support



Edith (Buddy) Kizell

and empowerment to troubled and abused women, and to Breast Health Care in Israel. CHW supports a hotline and contributes to one of two shelters for battered wives in Jerusalem and Ashdod. The Battered Women's Emergency Hotline, set up by WIZO in 1987, was the first one established in Israel. Staffed professionally by

trained WIZO volunteers, the free line is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The project also provides legal counselling, a bureau for Russian immigrants with Russian-speaking volunteer interpreters, a halfway-house, stepping-stone between shelter and independent living, a team of social workers and lawyers who give lectures and workshops, educational materials, self-help groups, workshops for abusive men and group therapy for women, men and children.

After 60 years of membership, Kizell recommends, without hesitation, the organization that has given her camaraderie, the enjoyment of conventions, informative sessions and the opportunity to meet many people.

To attend the tea, please RSVP to Debbie Baylin at 613-521-9092. For transportation, please call Toby Yan at 613-224-4560.

OJHS to feature the Goldstein family

By Elaine Brodsky

The Ottawa Jewish Historical Society (OJHS) invites you to hear Adele (Goldstein) Sidney recount the history

and contributions of the long-standing Goldstein family to the City of Ottawa.

The Goldstein family settled in Ottawa during the period 1927 to 1939. There have been family members in the city ever since.

Sidney will trace the European roots of her family and the connections that brought eight siblings and their mother to Ottawa so perilously close to the outbreak of the Second World War. She will review their various businesses, including the Mirror Grill,

Leo's Confectionary and, of course, Goldstein Brothers Electrical Contractors.

Those earliest Goldsteins and their descendants have also pursued extensive community activities over the years at various synagogues and other Jewish organizations having a significant impact on the Ottawa Jewish community.

Sidney, daughter of the late Louis and Miriam (Dubrow) Goldstein, was born, raised and has lived her entire life in Ottawa. She

studied at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Carleton University and went on to pursue a career as a policy analyst, initially as a federal public servant and later as a consultant.

In her earlier years, Sidney was active in NCSY, B'nai Jacob Congregation Youth, Canadian Young Judea and various Israeli dance groups.

Over the years, her involvements in the Jewish community have included Hadassah-WIZO, Congregation Machzikei Hadas, the Ottawa Jewish Historical Society, JET and Ottawa Torah Institute.

Sidney is married to Dr. Jeffrey Sidney and they have two grown children, David and Rachel (Yosef Zuckerbrod).

The talk takes place on Tuesday, June 5, 7:30 pm at Agudath Israel Synagogue.

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JUL helps unify community

By Orly Aaron

There are many factors that cause Jews to drift from each other, but many more that unify us. The Torah, no matter our interpretation, the State of Israel, no matter our personal view, keep us together as a group.

Jewish Unity Live (JUL) represents the at-tempt to unify Jews of every denomination from our own local community and many others across North America. Parallel evenings were held in 12 other cities throughout the United States.

One of the attendees thanked the JET (Jewish Education Through Torah)

organizers for "a great evening. It was the first my husband and I attended, but definitely not the last! This is what is so great about the Ottawa Jewish community. It is big enough to be diverse, but also small enough to have in one room Jews from all walks of life."

Guest speaker at the Ottawa event was Rabbi Jonathan Rietti, son of famous British actor Robert Rietti.

His message was simple: work from within to improve your life and those around you. You are responsible for your own actions and how you behave affects others.

He left us feeling we can have some measure of control in our lives and therefore achieve greater happiness and fulfillment.

Yehuda Glantz, an extremely talented Argentine-born musician now making Jerusalem his home, provided upbeat and original songs for the evening. He played a combination of Latino rhythms, Hassidic music and rock.

Just when you thought things were about to wind down, Rabbi Shaps and a few other men broke into dance. Next thing you know there were men going up and down the stairs of

the Library and Archives Canada auditorium in time to Glantz' beat.

Prior to the Unity Live event, many members of the community were part of a city-wide four-month Jewish studies program organized by JET and hosted by individuals all over the city, creating a wonderful and continuous stream of learning and socializing. Others chose to study on their own or participate by reading a "Mishnah of the Week" via e-mail.

JET can be reached at 613-798-9818, jet@jccottawa.com or www.jetottawa.com.



Following the Jewish Unity Live Children's Siyum Celebration at Hillel Academy, students gather around musician Yehuda Glantz for autographs. More than 400 children from all of Ottawa's Hebrew day schools (Hillel Academy, Torah Academy and Cheder Rambam) attended the concert and heard words of inspiration from Rabbi Jeremiah Unterman, Sarah Breiner and Rabbi Zischa Shaps. A large adult crowd attended the evening Jewish Unity Live event at the Library and Archives Canada auditorium.

Young Israel to honour Morris Kimmel

Morris Kimmel has been active in Ottawa Jewish organizations for the past 40 years. Hillel Lodge, Ottawa Vaad HaKashrut and B'nai Brith are but a few organizations where he has served.

Years of involvement with Young Israel Congregation have been a labour of love for him. Kimmel was the driving force in building the synagogue's beautiful sanctuary when he became congregation president in 1980.

Growing up in Montreal, he never forgot his parents' devotion to Jewish life and Torah. Synagogue was central to the life of Kimmel's parents. He felt it was a great



Morris Kimmel

privilege to build a sanctuary and perpetuate their memory.

He has been devoted to the welfare of Young Israel

for the past 31 years.

"I have known him since 1976," says Young Israel Rabbi Mordecai Berger. "Every success and new development of Jewish life is enthusiastically greeted by Morris. He loves Yiddishkeit and is thrilled with each new achievement in our city."

Kimmel's beloved wife Lillian, of blessed memory, was the guiding light and a source of stability to the entire family. Three children, Janet, Steven and Brenda, have been inspired by their parents' love, and are active members in the community.

On Sunday, June 10, Morris Kimmel will be hon-

oured for his years of service to Young Israel and the Jewish community. Community members and his friends can participate in the testimonial dinner by taking ads in the commemorative journal.

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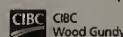
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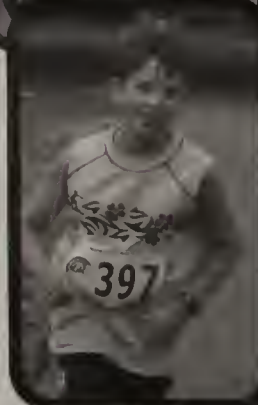
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The big bonus is it tastes better.

Eating local produce is getting a little easier in Ottawa. Of course, we have the Byward and Parkdale markets. While some of the stalls at Parkdale and Byward are local, be aware not all produce sold at these markets is grown locally. If you're not sure, ask.

A relatively new source for local produce is the Ottawa Farmer's Market at Lansdowne Park. This market runs every Sunday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, May 6 to October



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Over the next few weeks, look for asparagus, green onions, spinach, sugar snap and snow peas, green beans, rhubarb and strawberries.

Fresh green peas are not usually available until August, but frozen make a very acceptable substitute; if you just can't wait to get eating green!

Cecilia Chiang's Asparagus with Soy-Sesame Dressing

Cecilia Chiang is one of San Francisco's great Chinese cooks and restaurateurs.

This recipe comes from *The San Francisco Ferry Plaza Farmer's Market Cookbook* (Chronicle Books). This fantastic cookbook celebrates seasonal cooking.

The book was a gift from my cousin Ruthie, who is fortunate to live in California where local produce is available year round.

Serves 4

- 1 1/2 pounds asparagus spears, tough ends snapped off and spears cut on the diagonal into 2-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil

- 2 drops chile oil (optional)
- 1 teaspoon sesame seeds, toasted

Bring a saucepan filled with water to boil over high heat. Add the asparagus and cook until crisp-tender, about 2-3 minutes. Do not overcook.

Drain and then plunge asparagus into a large bowl of ice water. Set aside to cool for a few minutes.

Drain again, then transfer the asparagus to a kitchen towel. Pat dry and place in a large bowl.

In a small bowl, whisk together the soy sauce, sesame oil and chile oil. Drizzle over the asparagus and toss to coat evenly.

Transfer the asparagus to a serving bowl, sprinkle the sesame seeds on top and serve.

Spring Pasta

Serves 4

Be sure to make this with fresh local asparagus, which is fairly easy to find at this time of year. Fresh green peas are not available until later in the summer, so I have called for frozen green peas, which are a fantastic alternative.

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 medium onion, finely diced
- 2 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 12 shitake mushrooms, stems removed and caps sliced
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 package (328 grams) Lazar Gourmet Chicken Sausage -Louisiana (mild) or Mexican (spicy)
- 1 bunch asparagus, tough ends snapped off and spears cut on the diagonal into 2-inch pieces
- 1 pound medium-size pasta shells
- 1 pint red or yellow grape tomatoes, halved or quartered if large
- 1 19-ounce box of frozen baby green peas, not defrosted
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

Fill a large pot (for the pasta shells) with cold water and 1 tablespoon kosher salt and place over high heat to bring to a boil. Fill a small pot (for asparagus) with cold water and place over high heat to bring to a boil.

While water is coming to a boil, place a large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Add onions and garlic and cook for about 3 minutes. Add sliced mushrooms and sauté, stirring occasionally until they are soft and have given up most of their juices, about 5 more minutes. Season with salt and pepper, remove onion-mushroom mixture from pan to a small bowl and set aside.

Using a sharp knife slit sausages down the middle and remove sausage meat from casings. Place pan you used to cook onions and mushrooms with back on medium high heat, add sausage and cook, breaking up sausage with back of a wooden spoon until no longer pink inside, about 5 minutes. Add onion-mushroom mixture back to pan and set aside.

Add asparagus to small pot of boiling water and cook about 2-3 minutes, until crisp-tender. Drain asparagus and plunge into a large bowl filled with ice water. Drain asparagus and pat dry with a kitchen towel. Add asparagus to pan of onion, mushrooms and sausage and set aside.

Add pasta to large pot of boiling salted water and cook until just tender, about 5-6 minutes, depending on size of shells you use. Scoop out about 1 cup of pasta cooking water before you drain the shells and set aside. Drain pasta and, add to large skillet with sausage and vegetables. Place skillet on medium high heat and stir to combine all the ingredients. Add tomatoes and frozen peas and continue cooking until peas are heated through. If pasta seems too dry, mix in a bit of the cooking water. Taste and add more salt and pepper if needed. Just before serving mix in the final tablespoon of olive oil.

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Celebrating the laptop gang

While it is incumbent on us to introduce our youngsters to numerous aspects of Jewish behaviour and practice as early as possible, it is best if we do it in ways the children can understand and actively participate.

The first two books in this column illustrate that principle with gusto, celebrating the laptop gang and what they can do. The last celebrates that extra special richness children bring to every home.

What Makes Someone a Jew?
By Lauren Seidman
Jewish Lights Publishing 2007
Unpaged. Ages 3 - 6

Even in Ottawa, a glance around our synagogues or day care programs confirms the impetus for *What Makes Someone a Jew?* Like it or not, Jews don't all look the same and never have. To believe otherwise is bigotry. Yet, shamefully, our diversity is seldom reflected in Jewish Kid Lit. This means too many of our young children don't see themselves portrayed as the true Jews they are.

Now, finally, we have a book correcting that error big time. In both its rhyming text and its lovable photographs of children of every colour and description, *What Makes Someone a Jew?* celebrates Jewish diversity openly, unstintingly and with good-humoured exaggeration. "You can still be Jewish if your skin is green."

Being Jewish is not about looks, nor is it only about being born Jewish. "What matters is inside your heart and inside your head." Being Jewish is about behaviour: doing good deeds, learning Hebrew, living 'Jewishly,' celebrating the holidays, helping others, etc.

By addressing itself to the laptop gang, *What Makes Someone a Jew?* confirms and celebrates every Jew's inclusion in the Jewish community, from the youngest to the oldest, from Jews by birth to Jews by choice, from Jews of colour to stereotypical Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jews and all shades and places of origin in between. HOORAY!

Ten Good Rules
A Counting Book
By Susan Renick Topik
Photographs by Tod Cahen
Kar-Ben Publishing 2007
Unpaged. Ages 3 - 6

Just in time for Shavuot, *Ten Good Rules* recasts the Ten Commandments given to Moses, the ancient Hebrews and,



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according to tradition, to us at Mount Sinai in simple, positive language and finger-counting format.

The purpose of the rules is made clear. They enable people to "live happily together" and "are just as important for us today."

Two photos appear in every double-page spread with only the number being shown changing: a boy costumed as an ancestor holding a yellow number painted on a white background shaped like the tablets of the law and a hand holding up the same number of fingers. Thus, an association between the rules and their placement in the list is established.

Meanwhile other children look, listen and portray the rule.

For example: "Rule 4, Celebrate Shabbat" shows children holding a challah, wine cup, and candles; "Rule 8, Do not take anything without asking" shows two girls tugging at the same toy; and "Rule 10, Be happy with what you have" shows two girls bugging each other.

Concise, to the point and delightful, *Ten Good Rules* happily affirms the fundamental rules of Jewish behaviour.

Much, Much Better
By Chaim Kasofsky
Illustrated by Jessica Schiffman
Hachai Publishing 2006
Unpaged. Ages 4 - 8

Based on a legend about the Prophet Elijah, *Much, Much Better* cleverly debunks the old adage "cleanliness is next to Godliness."

Set long, long ago in Baghdad, Iraq, this is the story of a young, pious couple who love welcoming out-of-town or needy guests to their Shabbat table.

One Shabbat, when they are almost sure nobody will come, a mysterious old man suddenly appears. After a wonderful evening, the old man leaves them with a strange blessing: "May Hashem bless you and make your home much, much better." When pressed for an explanation, the old man sug-



From *What Makes Someone a Jew?*

gests a less tidy home might be just the thing for Shabbat.

Totally perplexed, the couple go on with their lives. Eventually, the wife gives birth to a lively baby boy. As the child grows, he naturally gets into mischief, even on Shabbat. And who shows up to see it? You guessed it! That same old man with yet another blessing.

Glowing full colour illustrations add to the folklorish charm of this understated parable about true riches. *Much, Much Better* is very good indeed.

From my family to yours, Cbagg Sameach! May our good deeds enrich our lives and the lives of others.

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Tips for asking out a woman

"What if she's not interested? Am I making my move too soon? What if I'll sound like an idiot?"

It doesn't matter how many girls you dated in high school, how often you speak in public or how much money you have. When it comes to asking an attractive woman for a date (despite our egalitarian ideals, it's still generally expected that guys ask girls out), especially for the first time, you may be petrified.

Of course, you may not want to admit it.

Fear of rejection is normal, as long as it's not paralyzing. Securing a date with an appealing member of the opposite sex is important to your sense of worth. Ironically, the longer you delay, the more you will hate yourself for being timid, the more nervous you'll be when you finally talk to her, and the more damaging a possible rejection will be to your self-esteem.

The trick is to act swiftly.

If you can't force yourself to pick up the phone, do something else that takes you out of your comfort zone but is guaranteed to give you an immediate boost to your self-image. For example, work out on the treadmill or call your Aunt Sylvie whom you haven't spoken to since 9/11, just to say hi. Then, while you're feeling good about yourself, grab the phone, ask your intended date how she is and invite her for a cup of coffee.

Clear, short and simple.

By asking her out you're giving her a compliment. Most women are flattered to be asked out even if, for whatever reason, they have to decline.

Should she say no, find a way to end the conversation quickly but politely. By not conveying a sour attitude, you project self-confidence, which increases your chance of winning a date with her in the future.

Remember, she only declined your invitation, not necessarily you. Maybe she's recovering from a broken relationship. Maybe she's busy breaking a relationship or maybe she has specific criteria for a soul mate – he needs to have a particular religious affiliation, professional degree, eye colour, nose width, etc.

Set for yourself a modest goal: "I will ask 10 girls out, and if one of them says yes, I will be delighted."

For those who are marriage-minded, keep in mind, today, guys and girls invite each other out even if they are already in a relationship with someone else. It could be for friendship. It could be for short-term romance. Often, the intentions are not clear.

In the past – and still today in traditional communities – much of the anxiety around asking a girl out was removed via the involvement of a matchmaker. By checking with the girl if she's interested, and communicating the



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Dating 101

Jack Botwinik

result to the guy, he is spared the stress of asking her directly, and she is spared the awkwardness of possibly turning him down.

It's not necessary to have a professional matchmaker, à la *Fiddler on the Roof*. Any trusted third party can do the groundwork and, chances are, would be happy to help.

As a single person, it's wise to build a social network and even recruit a "search party" that may include people you trust and who care about you – immediate family members, relatives, friends, teachers, rabbis, neighbours, co-workers, and so on. Be open and specific about the type of match you are looking for.

Finally, lest you think using a go-between means you're not "man" enough to ask a lady out directly, consider why this should be different from seeking suitable employment: In job-hunting, third party intervention is welcome help, with success often depending on serendipitous networking and backroom referrals.

During long career Jan Peerce helped popularize opera

Take a moment. Let your imagination travel to 1935. Open the first link on our list of websites. What you will hear are early radio broadcasts by Jan Peerce, six years before he made his breakthrough at the Metropolitan Opera.

Peerce (1904-1984) had an exceptionally long career. Until the mid-1960s, he was a fixture at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. Contrary to widespread belief, he was not a cantor before he became an opera singer. But more knowledgeable opera mavens than I attribute his notable consistency of tone, whether he was singing the high notes or the

middle of the aria, to a trait – probably disciplined breathing patterns maintained over long stretches of vocalization – which is characteristic of first-class chazzonim.

Peerce (Jacob Pincus Perelmuth) started his career as a violinist. His mother had her heart set on his becoming a doctor and he entered Columbia University in the 1920s with that intention. He was already playing traditional and popular music at Bar Mitzvahs, weddings, dances and Catskill resorts in the summer and couldn't keep his grades up at Columbia. He wound up playing the violin for a living and started his own small group.

His career began to take shape in the early 1930s. Times were becoming tougher, and tastes were changing. The band needed a singer to get more gigs, but couldn't afford it. So Peerce started to do vocals – popular songs and light classics.

In 1932, the first real break came. Radio City Music Hall opened up and Peerce auditioned for an orchestra job. The fact he could play the violin and also had a good voice (lyric tenor) gave him an edge. Since Radio City was also a broadcasting centre, Peerce began to be heard on the air. He began to expand his repertoire and included some better-known tenor selections from opera. But he didn't sing a role in a complete opera (the Duke, in *Rigoletto*) until a Philadelphia production in 1938. In 1939, he had his first New York recital.

In 1939, when Arturo Toscanini came to the United States to create the NBC Symphony, he held auditions for a tenor to appear in the quartet of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Peerce auditioned. This may have been the only time he performed an aria from Wagner's *Die Walkure*. Toscanini had found his tenor and encouraged Peerce to pursue a full-time career in opera.

In opera, Peerce represented the broadcasting of the search for talent and the opening up of opera to new audiences as it began to be heard on radio, motion pictures, and television.

Peerce represented a major Jewish breakthrough. He was not the first Jewish star at the Met – my grandmother's first cousin, Friederich Schorr, was the leading Wagnerian bass-baritone of the inter-war period and



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was a regular at the Met until he retired in 1943. But Peerce bore his Judaism proudly and helped create opportunities for the constellation of Jewish stars who soon followed him: Richard Tucker, Robert Merrill, Robert Peters and (at the New York City Opera) Beverly Sills.

His Yiddish repertoire was famous. He was one of the first American stars to go on a concert tour of Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev. On that tour, in 1956, he sang *A Din Torah Fun Gott* and served as guest cantor for Shabbat services at the Moscow synagogue. This was a well-received early sign the survival of Jewish identity and culture would be supported as part of the emerging cultural contacts with the West.

Websites

Peerce 1935: <http://www.feeds4all.com/Item.aspx?ItemID=14188611>

The same site has links to selections from Verdi's *Un Ballo in Maschera* and *La Forza del Destino*.

Peerce & Albanese Madame Butterfly duet: http://premiereopera.libsyn.com/index.php?post_id=100638

Peerce & Deanna Durbin, *Il Trovatore* (film clip): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xrVALotoc>

A selection of Yiddish songs by Jan Peerce can be found in the compilation at: <http://edbaby.com/ed/bestyiddish>
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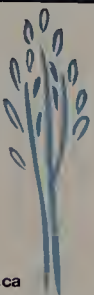
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Mother's unique skills put to good use

It all started with my mother. No, seriously. I mean my impression of women. My mother could do things no one else could do.

When as a four-year-old, I hid under the covers in my bed, which, after all, was huge, like a whole other country, she could always find me. I was impressed with her uncanny ability to locate my body and tickle it even in the middle of this vast expanse of bedding and mattress. Once, I left a pillow under the covers and hid in the closet. Believe it or not, she found me anyway.

Combined with these amazing psychic powers, which enabled her to always be able to discern whether I was telling the truth, she was also very strong. There is an expression in Yiddish, which describes her arms in those days – *mamedik*, which is sort of a tautology because it just means "mother-like." But I, at any rate, could not put both my hands around them.

She lugged large bags of coal around in the basement and could easily shovel a load into the furnace. Later, she described how she had worked in the coal mines in the Ural Mountains in the Soviet Union during the Second World War. She explained she was one of the weaklings. The Russian women, with their thick, strong legs, were the ones who could push and *shlep* the coal cars like the men. She could only shovel the coal onto the conveyor belt.

When she gave birth to my brother in the Caucasus, on a



**Humour me,
please**

Rubin Friedman

collective farm, she had to walk to the hospital, climb up the stairs to the delivery room, give birth and after a few hours, take her baby back to the little hut she shared with her sister-in-law and baby nephew. Not bad for a weakling, but she reserved her own admiration for the Georgian women who didn't even bother with the hospital. They just went into the fields by themselves and gave birth in a convenient haystack.

She did acknowledge she was physically agile in those days. When she and her sister-in-law earned money by selling some sandals in a deal they worked out with their neighbour, she was the one sent to the city to buy some potatoes.

One little detail: they were in the mountains, they had no cars, they had to wait several days for the truck to make the trip and the only way to get to the city every day was by train, which unfortunately did not stop at their settlement.

This is how the men did it. They waited at a particular curve, where the train had to slow down and jumped onto a freight car. On the return trip, they jumped off at the same location. My mother decided if they could do it, she could. And she did.

She always laughed when she described how she kept on tumbling down the hill when she jumped off the train on the way back. The potato sack acted like a peculiar weight that kept her doing somersaults down the slope.

"Anyways," she said, "I got home faster."

But the most amazing thing was to go shopping with her. She always seemed to carry two full shopping bags, one in each hand, which she swung to clear a path.

When we got onto a street car, she would push her way to a seat and fend off everyone with her right arm until my brother and I could catch up to her. In the bakery, trying to get to the counter for rye bread, she bulldozed all the other women out of the way, even though they were also carrying shopping bags and using them in the same way.

When she got older, she developed a tremor in her right hand and arm, which the doctor claimed was due to over-straining the muscles. I can believe it.

So, nowadays, when I see a woman swinging shopping bags as we jostle in a line-up to buy things, even though I feel a tender pang in my heart, I make sure to get out of the way.

The lost wallet leads to eBay addiction

Dear Knish Readers,

You are now a part of our world and deserve to know what's going on in our lives. That's why we must tell you about an embarrassing confession Paul must get off of his chest.

Paul is an addict.

Not drugs. Not alcohol. Not even eating too much knish. Paul is addicted to eBay. He can't stop.

For the past two weeks, most of his time has been consumed with browsing, buying and trying to win as many products as he could, all while using Byron's credit card number. (Byron is getting psychologically evaluated next week to see what's wrong with him.)

This eBay addiction didn't come about out of thin air. Two weeks ago, Paul was at Chapter's Pinecrest around 9:30 pm. He headed over to Elgin Street, popped into Sugar Mountain for his weekly fix and noticed his wallet wasn't in his pocket.

Paul immediately called Byron (who has recently become Paul's legal guardian) and asked what he should do. Byron's initial advice was to look around the store and then retrace his

steps to all the locations he was at that evening.

The wallet wasn't in the candy store so he started scouring Elgin Street. As Paul walked down the street, a homeless man approached him and asked, "What's wrong?"

Paul replied, "I lost my wallet, man."

The homeless man asked where it was lost. Paul was about to tell the man until he realized this guy wasn't trying to actually help; he wanted to find the wallet first! As he walked away, Paul noticed the homeless man had joined the search party.

Paul and a homeless man at 11:00 pm on a Sunday night looking for a blue wallet.

Inside the wallet was \$10, a Booster Juice card one stamp away from a free drink, a kugel recipe, many of his business cards, a vintage Crush sticker from a bottle he bought in L.A., his bank card, health card and SIN card (which he doesn't really need as he doesn't plan on getting a 'real' job).

Paul drove back to Chapter's but they were closed. He was doomed! He returned home and couldn't stop thinking about how someone out there had his wallet and identity. He couldn't fall asleep, but then found one of Rabbi Fine's sermons from '92 on the web and slept like a baby.

Paul woke up the next day and looked out the window. The rain was gushing down and it seemed like it was hopeless.

After getting the directions from Byron, Paul went to the Motor Vehicle Bureau. The woman working there had a face like a tuchus, but gave Paul a new licence.

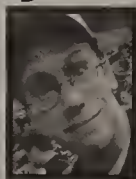
He returned to Chapter's, certain the wallet was there. Paul got out of his car and decided to look through the garbage in case it had accidentally been discarded. He took every disgusting item imaginable out of the garbage cans as the rain poured down. A few times, he actually felt like he was about to throw up.

People driving by gave Paul dirty looks and stayed clear. Suddenly, he heard his name being called. It was an old friend staring at a drenched Paul standing in front of her holding a can of soda in one hand and a dirty newspaper in the other.

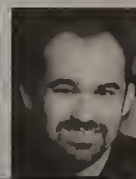
She walked forward cautiously and gave Paul a real look of sympathy saying, "Umm, Paul? You OK?"

Paul replied, "Sure, doing great!"

She then asked if everything in Paul's career was going alright. It hit Paul on the head; she thought he was a hum. He had hit rock bottom.



Paul Telner



Byron Pascoe

**Have
a
Knish**

The next day, the search for a new wallet began. Paul went everywhere in Ottawa trying to find the same wallet he had bought a year earlier.

Byron mentioned Paul should try eBay as they may have some wallets he would like. Paul had never been on eBay, and started looking around.

Byron had just made one of the biggest mistakes of his life (not counting joining Paul to write this column).

Paul has become an eBay addict. Just like the hard drugs sometimes, the first try was free. The Coca Cola wallet from Hong Kong only cost 1 cent as no one else hid on it. Shipping cost \$7 American, but that's beside the point. Paul has since won eBay auctions for hats, shirts, watches and has developed an eBay addiction!

The thing is Paul doesn't have a credit card (for good reason), so he asked Byron to put the items on his MasterCard. Paul has been racking up a hefty bill and Byron keeps asking Paul to meet him by the Ottawa River late at night to discuss a couple of things.

Paul looks at losing his wallet as the best thing that has ever happened to him. He discovered eBay and has never bought so many great things in his life, from his third Crush hat to his blue Coca Cola watch. Byron looks at Paul's wallet loss as the beginning of the end of his credit rating and bank account. He may have to auction off his family's furniture and car on eBay if Paul doesn't pay him back.

Have a Knish!

Knish Insider: A Justin Timberlake CD was found in Byron's parents' car. When questioned, Byron admitted the CD was a gift from his father Laurie to his mother Carol. This truly proves the world has gone crazy. The parents had no comment other than: "We're bringing sexy back."



Samples of Paul Telner's eBay purchases, including the replacement wallet.

Well-known personalities talk about Israel, what it means to be Jewish

Ever wondered what people like Mike Nichols or Dustin Hoffman feel about being Jewish, or Jonathan Kellerman's and Shulamit Aloni's views on Israel? Maybe not, but it makes for interesting reading.

What Israel Means to Me
 Edited by (and with an Introduction by)
 Alan Dershowitz
 John Wiley & Sons
 Hardcover, 2006

In the last few years, Dershowitz has become a staunch, outspoken supporter of Israel.

The civil libertarian, criminal appellate lawyer and Harvard law professor has already written two books in defence of Israel – *The Case for Israel* (Wiley, 2003) and *The Case for Peace: How the Arab-Israeli Conflict Can be Resolved* (Wiley, 2005) – and has publicly debated its vicious critics (Noam Chomsky, for example).

In this new book, he asked 80 prominent writers, scholars, performers, journalists and politicians to pen their thoughts.

The contributions were collected over a three-year period and Dershowitz found, while he agreed with some of the ideas or feelings expressed in each essay, he didn't agree with all of any one text, was angered by some and saddened by others. Yet he found them all thought-provoking.

In an age when public opinion polls asking what country poses the biggest threat to world peace gets Israel 59 per cent of the time, this book, at least, promotes discussion.

Why is it that Israel, as a nation, is measured by a different yardstick or is always described in extremes – as an apartheid state, as governed by a Hitler (Sharon)? Why don't other nations, far more corrupt and far less democratic, get the same kind of rhetoric as Israel, Dershowitz asks in his introduction.

There are diverse perspectives on Israel in here.

Shulamit Aloni, founder of Israel's civil rights movement and Knesset member, reminisces about growing up in the young state, those halcyon days when children walked with a bible in one hand and a book on plants in the other. She talks about how things have changed, what has gone right, what went wrong, lamenting the occupation of the Palestinians.

Berkeley professor and literary author Robert Alter decries Israel's critics who feel the state should be abolished when many of these same critics come from nation-states that are no more morally superior.

Folksinger and actor Theodore Bikel worries theocracy is overtaking Israel and the biggest threat to Jews is other Jews. He feels strongly that "our strength lies not in unity but in diversity."

Amitai Etzioni, a professor at George Washington University and a former White House adviser on domestic affairs, is "stunned by the blind hatred Israel evokes" and



Book Beat

Kinneret Globerman

how its democracy is "measured by some ideal model."

Tikkun editor Rabbi Michael Lerner writes about Israel's betrayal.

Readers of Dershowitz's book can e-mail him with their comments. He's thinking of including them in the paperback version of the book.

Stars of David: Prominent Jews Talk About Being Jewish
 By Abigail Pogrebin

Broadway Books/Random House Inc.
 Hardcover, 2005

With mixed feelings about her own Jewish identity, 40-year-old Abigail Pogrebin – TV producer (for Charlie Rose, Bill Moyers and *60 Minutes*) and freelance journalist – wondered what public figures felt about being Jewish.

Had their Jewishness ever been a liability? Had they had to "neutralize their ethnicity"? Did they have strong Jewish identities? Did they follow traditions?

She specifically chose 62 high achievers to find out how being Jewish fit into a public life and was surprised at some of their revelations.

Pogrebin is the daughter of writer, Jewish activist and *Ms.* magazine founder Letty Cottin Pogrebin. Although she dated a non-Jew for a few years, she is married to a Jew and is trying to find her own way into Judaism. This book is her stepping-stone.

She interviewed actors (Israeli-born Nathalie Portman is embarrassed by her Long Island community's JAP and materialistic values while she stays strongly attached to Israel; Jason Alexander is a self-deprecating Jew; Sarah Jessica Parker's non-Jewish husband has encouraged her to explore her Jewish roots; Richard Dreyfuss' family wasn't observant, yet he was keenly aware of being Jewish), and others (James Rubin, former state department spokesman for the Clinton administration and the husband of Iranian CNN correspondent Christiane Amanpour, is unsentimental towards Israel; Revlon mogul Ronald O. Perleman is devoutly Jewish; former Olympic swimmer and medalist Mark Spitz has a strong Jewish identification).

In her epilogue, Pogrebin says, from this book, she could "proclaim that most Jewish public figures aren't publicly Jewish, have abandoned customs, intermarried," yet all are proud to be Jews.

Writing this book did, however, make her realize being Jewish is more vital to her than she ever expected.

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- Could you accompany/drive a Walkley area senior who loves movies, bingo and other outings? Afternoons/evenings would work for her.
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MONDAY, MAY 14

The Soloway Jewish Community Centre Adult Department and the Vered Jewish Canadian Studies Program University of Ottawa, present a free public lecture by historian Gerald Tuichinsky, "The Jewish Radical Left in Canada: a Portrait of an Activist," 7:00 pm.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

The Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program presents a Lecture with Dr. Henry Habib, "Syria – Past and Present: Syria's Role in the Middle East," 7:30 pm. Emunah Women, Family in Israel event, with guest speaker Irwin Cotler, Beth Shalom West, 15 Charwell Avenue, 7:00 pm.

THURSDAY, MAY 17

AJA50+ Chuckles & Chocolate Comedy Night, featuring Steve Brinder, Adam Grove and MC Simon Rakoff with chocolate reception following. Everyone

welcome, Library and Archives Canada, 395 Wellington Street, 7:00 pm.

The Ottawa College of Jewish Studies, the Soloway Jewish Community Centre and Congregations Beth Shalom West and Machzikei Hadas, lecture with Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, "Jerusalem in Jewish Consciousness," Congregation Beth Shalom West, 15 Charwell Avenue, 7:00 pm.

Rabbi & Mrs. Hayyim Yaakov & Yehudis Bulka Memorial Setolite Torah Study Program, Congregation Machzikei Hadas, 2310 Virginia Avenue, lower social hall, 9:00 pm.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Ottawa Jewish Film Society, "Live and Become," 2:00 pm.

TUESDAY, MAY 22

The Vered Jewish Canadian Studies Program, University of Ottawa, presents a free Yiddish

film screening (with English subtitles): *The Light ahead/Fishka der krummer*, Simard Hall 224, 60 University Private (corner Laurier), University of Ottawa, 2:00 pm.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

Chabad of Centrepoina, annual Shavuot ice cream party and dairy buffet, 261 Centrepoina Drive, 5:30 pm.

THURSDAY, MAY 24

Jewish Family Services, Free Lunch and Learn Employment Workshops, "Advertising & Promotion – an Entrepreneurial Workshop," 2255 Carling Avenue, Suite 301, noon.

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SUNDAY, MAY 27

Soloway JCC Membership

Appreciation Day presents Flavour with Flair with author Bonnie Stern, 11:00 am.

Musica Ebraica, Songs of Love, Songs of Sabbath, Library and Archives Canada, 395 Wellington Street, 2:00 pm.

191st Ladies Reception Committee Newcomer's Tea, home of Audrey Kreisman, 2:30 pm.

50th Anniversary Cantorial Concert, "A Musical Odyssey," Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:00 pm.

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TUESDAY, MAY 29

The Vered Jewish Canadian Studies Program, University of Ottawa, Yiddish song workshop led by Jamie Resnitz, Simard Hall, University of Ottawa, 60 University Private, 2:00 pm. Info: 613-562-5800, ext. 2955.

Israeli Film Festival, *The First Israeli in Space*, 7:00 pm. Tickets: SJCC front desk.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

Jewish Federation of Ottawa Walkathon. Info: 613-798-4698, ext. 248 or sczarny@jewishottawa.com.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

Jewish Federation Annual General Meeting, 7:00 pm.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

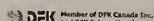
CJC 28th Plenary Assembly, Agudath Israel, 8:30 am. Info and registration: www.cjc.ca or 613-233-8703.

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